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Specification Amendments:

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/252,724 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STORAGE I/O WITH FULL-DUPLEX ONE-TIME BLOCK I/O TRANSFER AND ADAPTIVE PAYLOAD SIZING," filed November 22. 2000, and is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/037,168———— entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PLESIOSYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATIONS WITH NULL INSERTION AND REMOVAL" (Attorney Docket No. 371798002US); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/045,393—, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSITION-CONTROLLED SELECTIVE BLOCK INVERSION COMMUNICATIONS" (Attorney Docket No. 371798007US); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/035,591——— entitled "COMMUNICATIONS ARCHITECTURE FOR STORAGE-BASED DEVICES"—(Attorney Docket No. 371798008US1); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/036,591 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PACKET ORDERING BASED ON PACKET TYPE" (Attorney Docket No. 371798013US); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/036,794——— entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR HOST HANDLING OF COMMUNICATIONS ERRORS" (Attorney Docket No. 371798014US); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/045,606—— entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR **DYNAMIC** SEGMENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS PACKETS"—(Attorney Docket No. 371798015US); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/045,348 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR **ASYMMETRIC** PACKET ORDERING **BETWEEN** COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES"—(Attorney Docket No. 371798016US); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/053,461———— entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMMUNICATING CONTROL INFORMATION VIA OUT-OF-BAND SYMBOLS" (Attorney Docket No. 371798017US); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/045,625————— entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTEGRATING PACKET TYPE INFORMATION WITH SYNCHRONIZATION SYMBOLS"—(Attorney Docket No. 371798018US); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/035,911 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR NESTING

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